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SUBJECT: MENGISTU SPEECH JUNE 7

1. AF/E DIRECTOR POST CALLED IN ETHIOPIAN CHARGE TIBEBU BEKELE JUNE 9 TO MAKE POINTS BEING SENT YOU SEPTEL ON MENGISTU'S JUNE 7 SPEECH. POST NOTED WE DO NOT HAVE FULL TEXT BUT WHAT WE HAVE RECEIVED HERE IS QUITE DISTURBING AS IT CARRIES A DISTINCT IMPLICATION MENGISTU ACCUSED U.S. OF SUPPLYING ARMS TO ERITREANS AND OF DEPLOYING 60 AMERICANS ALONG BORDER TO HELP ERITREANS. POST CATEGORICALLY DENIED THAT WE ARE DOING ANY SUCH THING. HE NOTED THAT WE WERE REACTING QUICKLY AS WE PERCEIVE THAT SOME ELEMENTS IN ADDIS TEND TO BELIEVE SUCH RUMORS IF THEY ARE NOT PROMPTLY DENIED. POST EXPRESSED HOPE THIS MISUNDERSTANDING WILL PROD ETHIOPIA TO TALK OVER SUCH RUMORS WITH US BEFORE GOING PUBLIC. THIS WAS DONE SUCCESSFULLY LAST FALL IN REGARD TO FALSE STORY EMANATING FROM NAIROBI. CONFIDENTIAL

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